



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

21 May 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Parish
Link

ACTING VICAR ON LEAVE

Welcome again to the Reverend Jim Pilmer who is conducting our Sunday services today, May 21, while Reverend Anne is still on leave. There will be an interment of the ashes of Arthur Speldewinde directly after the 9.30am service. Reverend Esther is kindly conducting the Wednesday service this week. Reverend Anne will be back in the parish after Monday of this upcoming week.



Hymns: Introit 371 • Psalm: 68 (sung) • Gradual 678
Offertory 377 • Communion: anthem • Final 228, vs 1, 5, 6

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: 'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age.' Matthew 28.19–20

Prayer of the Day

O God, whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: by your Holy Spirit, hold the Church in unity, and keep it faithful to your word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer at the time of choosing an incumbent: Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose wisdom, discernment and patience, and give to us warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

First Reading: Acts 1.6-14

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm: 68.1–10; 68.32–35

¹ God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered:
those that hate him shall flee before his face.

² **As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed: as wax melts before a fire, so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

³ But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God:
they shall rejoice with gladness.

⁴ **O sing to God, sing praises to his name:
glorify him that rode through the deserts,
him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him.**

- ⁵ He is the father of the fatherless, he upholds the cause of the widow:
God in his holy dwelling place.
- ⁶ **He gives the desolate a home to dwell in,
and brings the prisoners out into prosperity:
but rebels must dwell in a barren land.**
- ⁷ O God, when you went out before your people:
when you marched through the wilderness,
- ⁸ **The earth shook, the heavens poured down water:
before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**
- ⁹ You showered down a generous rain, O God:
you prepared the land of your possession when it was weary.
- ¹⁰ **And there your people settled: in the place that your goodness, O God,
had made ready for the poor.**
- ³² Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises to the Lord,
- ³³ **To him that rides upon the highest heavens, that were from the beginning:
who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice.**
- ³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel: and his might is in the clouds.
- ³⁵ **Terrible is God who comes from his holy place:
the God of Israel who gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 5

¹ Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ² to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³ Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. ⁵ In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. ¹² Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. ¹³ Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 17, beginning at the first verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

For the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Prayer of the Week

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we pray you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to the same place where our Saviour Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Years Mind

Ellis Albrecht, Gordon Baensch, Florence Gale, and Frederick Porter, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Anglican Parish of St George, Queenscliff and St James, Point Lonsdale (Incumbency vacant); The Diocese of Perth (Abp Kay Goldsworthy, Asst Bp Kate Wilmot, Clergy & People); Anglican Development Fund; St Mary's Caulfield – Pastoral visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St John the Divine Croydon – Pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Mark's Spotswood – Pastoral visit (Bp Brad Billings); Merri Creek Anglican Church Clifton Hill – Pastoral visit (Abp Philip Freier).

The Parish: Give thanks for our time with Rev'd Jim & for the work of Rev'd Esther.

The World: Pray for all children orphaned by war.

The Nation: Pray for wisdom and honesty in all state and federal leaders.

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 19.1-8	Ps 68.1-6	John 16.29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20.17-27	Ps 68.7-14	John 17.1-11
Wednesday	Acts 20.28-38	Ps 68.28-35	John 17.11-19
Thursday	Acts 22.30, 23.6-11	Ps 16.1-6	John 17.20-26
Friday	Acts 25.13-21	Ps 103.15-22	John 21.15-19
Saturday	Ezekiel 37.1-14	Ps 104.26-32	John 7.37-39



If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing by Thursday at anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com

PENTECOST COMBINED SERVICE 11.00am

On **Sunday, May 28**, a combined congregation service will take place at 11.00am and will be conducted in English, Chinese, Sudanese, Korean, and Iranian, for a total of five languages. We will have a Eucharist service followed by an agape (shared) lunch, and people are encouraged to bring a dish to share. Everyone is invited and welcome!

Please try to wear red on this day!

ST FRANCIS CHAPEL WINDOWS

Thanks to a most generous donation, and other welcome contributions, we are able to have all four main windows in the Chapel replaced with stained glass. Designs have been submitted by Geoffrey Wallace, who has extensive long-term experience, including restoring the windows of St Paul's Cathedral, and these have been approved by the principal donors and Parish Council. Colour photos of the designs can be viewed in the Undercroft..

The first window, opposite the entrance, features the Spirit in the form of a dove, and baptismal elements referring to the surname (Baptist) of Christine Decker's parents. Text will read "The Baptism".

The second window displays the elements of Lewis' Plumridge's faith in the upper section, with key bars from Mahler's Resurrection, and an organ in the lower section.

The third window is, at the request of Laurence Law, in memory of Lilian, a Madonna and Child, with foot washing as an icon of service in the lower panel.

The fourth window alludes to the dedication of the Chapel and the story of Francis preaching to the birds, while also connecting to the garden and birds immediately outside the Chapel, and the contribution of the choir to the church over many years.

Our next step is to obtain the Diocese Faculty, permission required for any alteration to the fabric of a church and work can then commence on making the windows. Thank you everyone for your interest in this project to beautify our church to the glory of God.

MOTHERS UNION MEETING May 24

There will be a fashion parade by U&I Designs at the next meeting. This is a new group bringing their collection of affordable fashions suitable for the over 55s. 1.30pm raffle and afternoon tea will be provided. All very welcome.

CYCLING JESUS' JOURNEY ... TO SAVE CHURCH LIVES

[Update from Lars on his 3000 km fundraising trip](#)

Day 7: Another 26 kms and 1 hour plus in the saddle again today. Now, before I did this ride I did some extra research. I was surprised to discover that I would be riding through tree lines and forests if I was doing this for real. I had assumed it was all gravel, shale, rocks, dust and sand. I was wrong. So as I cycled I imagined passing by olive trees and other various trees. Sheep and goats grazing in fields and flower meadows on the sides of hills and valley slopes and a few more passers by. Have a look at the photos below. Although the total elevation up to Hadad Rimmon was only something like 130m I chose a virtual route that gave me 150m elevation changes. But ... although most slopes had gradients of 3 to 6% occasionally there were some nasty 7 to 10% gradients especially on tight bends. On one of these 10% tight bends I wasn't expecting my bike chain decided to jump off and as I bent down to put it back on I felt my chest strap for my heart rate monitor snap so that I now had no heart rate on screen! I wonder how that donkey coped? Joseph would have to have a good knowledge of animal husbandry surely? I guess donkeys didn't have metal shoes back then? What would you do if your mode of transport sprained its hoof? No RACV back then. What I don't like right now is the upward slope is becoming longer and longer stretching further and further into the distance. On modern maps I think I'm at Baka Al-Gharbiyye. I'm at the foot of a humongous incline up to Elyakim. A 256m peak over something like 34 kms to Yokne'am. After that it should be mostly downhill and heading towards ... Nazareth! Yay!!! Nearly "home"!

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Why are there so few Jehovah's Witnesses in Sicily?
Because the Sicilian mafia aren't keen on witnesses.

Week Ahead

SUNDAY 21.05.23

Seventh Sunday of EASTER

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Peter's*

4.30-5.30pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

MON 22.05.23

Vicar's day off

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 23.05.23

8.30am-1.30pm Office open

9.00-4.00pm Men@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 24.05.23

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Playgroup

10-11.30am Wellways Tai Chi *hall*

1.30pm Mothers Union meeting, *Undercroft*

THU 25.05.23

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 26.05.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 27.05.23

10.30am-1.30pm SAIL

3.30-6.00pm piano concert *church*

2.00 – 5.00pm South Indian Choir, *hall/UC*

SUNDAY 28.05.23

DAY OF PENTECOST

11.00am COMBINED SERVICE

Share lunch in hall afterwards

For the Diary

May 8-23

Acting Vicar away

May 21

Interment of ashes
of Arthur Speldewinde
after 9.30am service

May 24

Mothers Union Meeting

May 27

Piano concert in the church
3.30-6.00pm

May 28

Combined service for Pentecost
11.00am, lunch afterwards
(no other services on this day)



OUR INFORMATION

FIRST AID KIT – Located in the office and kitchen.

TOILETS – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

WHEELCHAIR – Located near the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

FIRE & EMERGENCY – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

OH&S – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.



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Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News

Telling the story afresh

Expressing God's love

Serving the community

Nurturing and sharing faith

Equipping to serve

Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported to

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Roster for Sunday 9.30am and 11.00am service

	Today 21.05.23	Next week 28.05.23 11.00am
SIDESPEOPLE	Michele M, Barbara P	
SERVERS	Elizabeth B, <i>Keith W</i>	
READERS	Dianne A, Kim C	
INTERCESSOR	Elizabeth B,	
COUNTING	Hilary B, Elizabeth B	
MORNING TEA	Cecilia , Margaret R, Jan, Jenny F	All who can assist.

COMBINED SERVICE
11.00am

St Peter's is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and the worldwide Anglican Communion. St Peter's church is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land.